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Good Afternoon distinguished Senators and Representatives,

I would like to demonstrate my **strong support of Raised Senate Bill 5588.**

My name is Andrew Bloom. I am a licensed surety bail bondsman, bail enforcement agent, and one of the owners of 3-D Bail Bonds, Inc. which employs about 20 people.

I am also one of the owners of DADs Bail Bonds, LLC representing nearly 10,000 bail bonds written a year, a longtime member of The Professional Bail Agents of The United States, and a founding member and current President of the Bail Agents of Connecticut Association.

In my career as a Bail Enforcement Agent and as president of the Fugitive Recovery Agency, Inc., I have 1281 defendants arrested.

Bail Bonds is the only form of pretrial release to self monitor and self enforce non-compliance. No other form of pretrial release is held accountable when the principal fails.

This bill addresses issues with the length of time to collect on a promissory note.

This bill allows for a judge to extend time to the bail agent who shows good cause to find and apprehend the fugitive.

This bill addresses issues when a defendant is removed from the jurisdiction by federal officials.

This bill stops judges from reinstating bonds on defendants returned to the court more than 5 days after missing court without the permission of the surety or bail agent.

This bill will help establish a task force to examine the costs of extradition.

A bill similar in form passed unanimously last year through the House and the Senate.

The only thing I do not support is the addition of "and such sentence commences" to part (8) of Sec. 6. Section 54-66a for the same reasons I rejected similar language in Raised Senate Bill 389. This language will allow convicts to walk out of court free to victimize the public again.

Thank you,

Andrew Bloom